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- (B) My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.
- (C) I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"Telomeres of *Agrobacterium* Linear Chromosome", the specification of which is filed herewith and identified by attorney docket No. 38-10(52661)B

- (D) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
- (E) I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.
- (F) I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of the following United States applications:

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